



**The Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy and Maple Elementary School in Fullerton are pleased to announce our spring tournament event: The Mustang Invitational. This Speech and Debate tournament asks students to explore the concept of “community” through forensics.**

The tournament will be held at Maple Elementary School on Saturday, March 4.

Address: 244 E. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, CA 92832

Tournament Theme – Community: The Mustang Invitational Tournament will have both Speech and Debate events. This tournament will feature standard competition events along with unique Pattern C events. Our Pattern C events will have one round, but multiple judges. Awards are based on performance in one round. All events will be related to the tournament theme: Community. Students can explore “community” as a whole or different elements of what it means to be a part of a community. Competitors will be judged on standard performance guidelines in addition to how well their performances meet the overall theme of the tournament.

We will have events for two separate age groups. “Elementary” will consist of grades 3 through 5 and “Middle School” will be grades 6 through 8.

Registration will open on January 4.

Use the link below to add this event to your Facebook calendar.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/241182146310298/>

## **Payment**

To speed up the registration process, the Mustang Invitational will not be accepting payment the day of the tournament. Payment for this tournament is due on February 28. If payment is not received by February 28, all entries for that school will be dropped. Detailed payment instructions will be posted on the tournament webpage.

The school fee for this tournament is \$35.

Each Pattern A and Pattern B event is \$15 per competitor, per event. Pattern C events are \$10 per competitor. To enroll in the Iron Horse Communicator Award (details below) there is a \$10 charge.

Registration will open January 4 and close February 28. Fees will be frozen on February 28. All changes required after February 28 will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director ([wwashington@aclacademy.org](mailto:wwashington@aclacademy.org)). Students can be added after February 28 for an increased price (\$20 per event). If a drop is needed after March 2, a \$15 penalty per drop will be assessed to the school due the day of the tournament.

All Interp events, Informative, and Original Oratory will have a 15 second grace period. This means that judges should not lower the competitor's score as long as they do not go over the grace period.

We will offer 3 rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B events. Final rounds for Pattern A and B events will be based on enrollment/entries.

Awards: The top 3 students in each category will receive trophies and, depending on the number of entries, medals will be awarded to other top ranking competitors. Events with less than 3 entries will be cancelled, and a refund will be issued at the tournament. We will not be combining age groups at this tournament.

### **Original Narrative (Pattern C)**

All age groups will have the opportunity to compete in an experimental event. This event is designed to test the well roundedness of the competitor.

In this event, the students will have the opportunity to present an original personal story that explores the theme of the tournament, Community. This speech should be delivered extemporaneously and the winner for each age group will have the opportunity to deliver their speech at Awards.

The event will mirror the storytelling format of the Moth and Snap Judgment (NPR) podcasts.

Examples can be found here:

[http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD\\_AND\\_PLAY&storyId=388](http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD_AND_PLAY&storyId=388)

<https://themoth.org/>

Guidelines

Time limit: 5 minutes, maximum

Students will be ranked from 1 to 5 in the following categories for a total of 25 points.

Meeting the Tournament Theme: How well does the speech relate to **Community**?

Humor: Does the speech make the judge laugh?

Personal: How well do we get to know the competitor?

Moral/Lesson: Does the speech teach the audience something?

Delivery: Standard public speaking concepts/performance.

This is not an interp event and students should **not** have a formal introduction.

**Iron Horse Communicator Award:** We will offer a special award similar to the LA Orator's Cup award for the top overall students in each grade level. To sign up for this opportunity, students must register for pattern D. Calculations for this award will be 4 points for a 1<sup>st</sup> place ranking in a round, 3 points for a 2<sup>nd</sup> place ranking, 2 points for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ranking and 1 points for rankings 4<sup>th</sup> place or lower.

### **Judging**

Both patterns A and B will require 1 judge for every 5 entries. There will be a charge of \$65 for every uncovered judge slot. Missing ballots will result in a \$25 nuisance charge per ballot.

## **Lunch**

Maple Elementary School does not have any food locations in close proximity. The Mustang Invitational will offer two lunch options: Jersey Mike's turkey sandwiches or 2 slices of Costco Pizza (cheese and pepperoni). Both options include a Gatorade drink and chips. Lunch fee is \$10 and can be added in the student fee on forensics tournament.net. Teams are also welcome to make their own arrangements for lunch.

## **Events:**

### ***Elementary School (3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)***

#### Pattern A: No Double Entry

SPAR: 2 Min Prep 2 Min Constructive 3 Min Cross X 2 Min Rebuttals

Congress: 3 Min Con 1 Cross X

#### Pattern B: Double Entry Allowed

Storytelling: NSDA (5 Min Max)

Impromptu: 10 Min Total

Declamation: 7 Min Max

DI/Prose: NSDA Middle School Rules (10 min max)

Duo: 7 Min Max

Informative: 5 Min Max (visual aids not allowed for this event)

#### Pattern C

Original Narrative (English)

Original Narrative (Spanish)

### ***Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)***

#### Pattern A: No Double Entry

SPAR: 2 Min Prep 2 Min Constructive 3 Min Cross X 2 Min Rebuttals

Congress: 3 Min Constructive 1 Min Cross X

#### Pattern B: Double Entry Allowed / Pattern B events will follow NSDA Rules

Original Oratory: NSDA Middle School Rules

Storytelling: NSDA rules

Impromptu: 7 Min Total

DI/Prose: NSDA Middle School Rules (10 min max)

Declamation: NSDA Rules

Informative: 7 Min Max (Visual aids not allowed for this event)

DUO: NSDA Rules

Pattern C

Original Narrative (English)

Original Narrative (Spanish)

**Schedule**

7:15 - 7:55	Registration
8:00 - 9:10	Round 1 Pattern A
9:10 - 10:20	Round 1 Pattern B
10:20 -11:30	Round 2 Pattern A
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 1:40	Round 2 Pattern B
1:40 - 2:50	Round 3 Pattern A
2:50 - 4:00	Round 3 Pattern B
4:00 -5:00	Pattern C & Event Snack Break
5:00 to 6:15	Finals for Pattern B
5:30 to 6:30	Finals for Pattern A
7:00	Awards

Photo release: Please let all parents know that we will be taking photos at this tournament to help promote future tournaments and activities. By signing up for this tournament, participants have agreed to allow images to be used to promote Speech and Debate and future tournaments. Parents are not allowed to film or take photos of any students (even their own child) during competition rounds. **Only tournament staff is allowed to film and take photos at this event.**